

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 28, 2005

Chairman Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. The committee took a moment of silence in memory of Supervisor Joe Griffin and in honor of his family.

Present: Chairman James Dwyer, County Board Supervisors Patricia Haukohl, Walter Kolb, Richard Manke, William Mitchell, Duane Paulson, Duane Stamsta.

Staff Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

Also Present: WCFLS Executive Director Tom Hennen, Senior Budget Analyst Andy Thelke, Office Services Coordinator Claudia Backus, Supervisor Rodell Singert.

Discuss and Consider the Following Appointments:

159-A-034: Appointment of Leland H. Kreblin as Waukesha County Surveyor

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Kolb second, to approve Appointment 159-A-034.

Esler said the position of County Surveyor is a county official and a registered land surveyor. Prior to the proposed appointment of Kreblin, Kurt Bauer, an employee of SEWRPC and the Milwaukee County surveyor, was the Waukesha County surveyor. Bauer no longer wants to do surveying for Waukesha County. Waukesha County pays SEWRPC \$70K annually for surveying services. Kreblin will be the Waukesha County surveyor until he retires at the end of 2006. Esler said he talked to Phil Evenson of SEWRPC and he indicated that the SEWRPC Board of Directors will consider no longer offering surveying services. If they decide to no longer provide this service, Waukesha County will need to decide the best way to handle this position in 2006 or 2007.

Mitchell asked will SEWRPC continue to provide this service if Kreblin retires early? Esler said he doesn't know. Esler also didn't know if SEWRPC has other registered surveyors on staff who could provide this service.

Esler said there are two elements to this job, paper/office work and fieldwork. One person could not handle the entire job. Currently SEWRPC contracts out the fieldwork. Other counties have one person to do the survey work and they also contract out for installations. Waukesha County re-monumented in the 1980s but the system will need to be maintained.

Mader said construction and road activities continually displace monuments. Waukesha County has millions of dollars invested in a geographic information system that relies on the proper placement of monuments. The current workload would keep this person busy.

Motion carried: 7-0.

159-A-033: Appointment of Carolyn Byers to the Community Development Block Grant Board

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Mitchell second, to approve Appointment 159-A-033. Motion carried: 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-122: Endorse the Receipt and Expenditure of 2005 Gates Grant Funds to Provide Training to Library Staff

MOTION: Paulson moved, Haukohl second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-122.

Hennen said this ordinance modifies the 2005 Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) State Aids and Federal Funds special revenue fund budget by authorizing the acceptance of \$5,500 in 2005 grant funds from the Gates Foundation. This is continuation of a grant, which is administered and passed through the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction. The grant period ends June 30, 2007 but WCFLS staff indicates they expect completion of the project in 2005. The ordinance appropriates \$5,500 in intergovernmental revenues and operating expense appropriations in the same amount. The Director of the Federated Library System indicates the grant will be used to purchase contractual training services for WCFLS staff and system librarians on advanced Microsoft product usage. No county indirect costs are being covered by this grant funding.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-123: Endorse the Receipt and Expenditure of Federal Funds to Merge Two Shared Automation Systems

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Mitchell second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-123.

Hennen said this ordinance modifies the 2005 WCFLS State Aids and Federal special revenue funds budget by appropriating \$85,000 of Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds for the purpose of providing wireless Internet hotspots at member libraries. The grant funds will be passed through to member communities to cover a portion of the one-time costs to migrate the seven libraries in the Constellation Computer Consortium to the shared automation system being developed through the Waukesha Public Library (Computer Access for Everyone – CAFÉ). The libraries included in the migration are Delafield, Eagle, Elm Grove Hartland, North Lake, Oconomowoc and Pewaukee. The total project cost is estimated to be \$240,100. Member libraries will fund the balance of the one-time migration costs and the ongoing annual operating costs associated with participation with the system. The Federal LSTA grant funds pass through the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction.

Haukohl said the fiscal note states that funds will be passed to member communities. Who are the member communities? Hennen said member communities are those communities with libraries.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-124: Endorse the Receipt and Expenditure of Federal Funds – Elders and Caregivers using Services Everywhere Grant

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Manke second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-124.

Hennen said this ordinance modifies the 2005 WCFLS State Aids and Federal Funds special revenue fund budget by authorizing the acceptance of \$14,950 in 2005 grant funds from the Federal LTSA. These funds are administered and passed through the Wisconsin State Department of Public Instruction. The grant period ends December 31, 2005. This ordinance increases intergovernmental revenues by \$14,950 and increases operating expenses appropriations by the same amount. The funds will be used to assist libraries in meeting the needs of seniors, especially special needs seniors and their families. The grant money will be used as follows: \$10,000 for library materials, \$2,100 for wheeled browsing carts (equipment) and \$2,850 for Outreach/Promotional Services.

Hennen said there is no grant funding local match requirements associated with this grant. He estimates the total project cost to be \$37,000 including additional department costs of approximately \$22,000. This amount includes \$19,700 for 830 hours or 0.40 FTE of library staff support and \$2,300 for operating supply costs.

These estimated project costs will be funded by Federated Library System's state aid budget. No county indirect costs are covered by this grant.

Haukohl said the fiscal note states "no county indirect costs are covered by this grant." What indirect costs will be covered by the county? Thelke said indirect costs covered by the county are services provided by the Department of Administration for accounting and budgeting services, Corporation Counsel's time, etc. The indirect costs for each of these LTSA grants is approximately seven percent of the total grant. The county has to fund these costs.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-125: Modify the 2005 Federated Library Budget to Increase Library and Technology Act Grant Expenses and Revenues to Provide Wireless Internet Hotspots at Member Libraries

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Paulson second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-125.

Hennen said this ordinance modifies the 2005 WCFLS State Aids and Federal special revenue fund budget by appropriating \$2,900 of Federal LSTA grant funds for the purpose of providing wireless Internet hotspots at member libraries. The total 2005 LSTA grant award for this project is \$21,500. The 2005 adopted budget anticipated the receipt of an estimated \$18,600 for this purpose. Consequently, the department is requesting the appropriation of remaining grant balance of \$2,900. The grant funds will be used to purchase wireless routers for eight member libraries. The participating member libraries will be required to provide the \$3,800 in local funds to purchase the technical and wireless content services to enable library users to access the Internet via their own private wireless equipment. No county indirect costs are covered by this grant.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-126: Approve Contract with Waukesha Public Library (WPL) to Provide Automation Consulting Services to the WPL CAFÉ Computer Consortium

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Paulson second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-126.

Hennen said this ordinance authorizes WCFLS to provide contractual services to the Waukesha Public Library CAFÉ computer consortium. The 2005 WCFLS budget includes a 1.0 FTE Automation Coordinator Position funded through state library aids to work with member libraries including the WPL/CAFÉ Computer Consortium. This contract dedicates 20 hours per week to implement and maintain CAFÉ automation systems. The 1.0 FTE Automation Coordinator will remain a full-time employee of the county. The contract specifies that WPL/CAFÉ shall reimburse the county \$17,500 in 2005. In subsequent years, 50% of the position's cost is expected at the time of the 2006 contract renewal. The revenue associated with this contract will be accounted for in the State Aid and Federal Funds special revenue fund and are not appropriated at this time.

Haukohl asked if the Automation Coordinator is already hired? Hennen said this person is an employee. Normally, we use money from the Consortium to provide these services and this grant will cover half of the employee's salary in 2006. Mitchell said this grant would save this position from being cut. The grant will also provide an employee who is knowledgeable of both the system and Waukesha County.

Mader said the word maintaining is misspelled in the ordinance. Someone might want to point out the misspelling on the board floor. Haukohl said she would take care of that.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discuss Proposal for Library Governance Options Study

Dwyer said the Waukesha County Cooperation Council (WCCC) has taken action to go forward with a study of library governance options. Hennen said the vote at the WCCC was unanimous to go forward with a study of options that could include consolidation. There are four governance options the library could use and each option has different impacts on library services in a community. WCCC has endorsed applying for a grant to do the study with Dane and Milwaukee Counties. These counties are having the same issues and discussions. Hennen won't know until September if Waukesha County will get the grant money. The WCCC voted to establish a subcommittee for the study. As of Friday, the sub committee had not been appointed.

Dwyer said the County Executive is not driving this study. He isn't appointing anyone to the study subcommittee or giving any expectations for it. Hennen said Mr. Knapp is the new chair and will take care of appointing the subcommittee.

Haukohl asked when will the subcommittee report their results? Hennen said the subcommittee is supposed to report back to the WCCC by April 25. Knapp hasn't produced a timeline or appointed anyone to the subcommittee yet. Hennen would like to see the timeline move as quickly as possible.

Hennen said one of the complaints during the capital costs discussion was taxation without representation. This will be looked at. Kolb asked what are the criteria for being appointed to the subcommittee? Will there be a set amount of representatives from library and nonlibrary communities? Hennen said the appointments are out of his hands. He has no control of this.

Dwyer said the study wouldn't address the issue of crossover county borrowing, which is a statewide issue. Hennen said the law states that a library can choose to close their doors to people outside of their community if there are 500 circulations or more.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 159-R-015: Oppose AB/SB 15 which Mandates the Use of Ethanol in Automotive Gasoline in Wisconsin

MOTION: Kolb moved, Kolb second, to approve Resolution 159-R-015.

Paulson said we can't close our eyes and not look at something like this. Oil isn't going to last forever. One of the "whereas" clauses says we don't have any choice but aren't we limiting our choices by not using ethanol.

Dwyer said other states are moving in the opposite direction and adding more ethanol, some up to ten to 20%. It's a confusing issue but it comes down to this being a state mandate.

Kolb said ethanol doesn't have the same power of regular gasoline so you have to use more gas to get the same results. Two cycle engines are negatively affected by ethanol. Waukesha County is stuck with it. Do we want the rest of the state to be stuck with it?

Haukohl said it bothers her that this is a mandate. She wants all the facts in the resolution to be correct.

Mitchell said ethanol does affect engines. At some point we will have to find a solution but he doesn't think ethanol is the answer.

Paulson said if you believe ethanol damages fuel injectors, everyone would all have problems. He has worked on small engines and hasn't seen a problem. He thinks there's a lot of speculation in the "whereas" clauses. He doesn't agree with the mandate.

Mader said regarding to an issue raised by Haukohl, he also initially wondered if the corn part in the "Whereas" clause could be inaccurate. However, several sources indicated it could be accurate.

Manke said the Farm Bureau was behind this mandate. This is another mandate. He doesn't know if the facts are true but it looks complicated in the resolution. Maybe we need ask automakers to seek alternative forms of fuel. Some farmers don't want this because it cuts subsidies. If this mandate is approved, the big gainers will be the ethanol producers.

Stamsta asked what are the VOC emissions? Why do we add ethanol to gas? Singert said VOC is volatile organic compounds. Ethanol is put in gas to increase the octane and make it more efficient. When this resolution was written, he was encouraged to write it as simply and cleanly as possible and not too technical. This is as simple and concise as it can be. The technical aspects could be left out for now. This resolution addresses state government mandating the use of ethanol.

Manke asked if the committee could amend the resolution by removing lines 10 through 14? He doesn't think those lines add much to the resolution.

Krahn said the facts on lines 10 through 14 are from Nicholas Hollis, President of the Agribusiness Council. If you remove these lines, you will make the resolution too simple and not have a case in which to push forward. There are experts who back the information found in these lines.

Manke said these aren't simple statements and may confuse people.

Stamsta said this doesn't help Waukesha County because we are under a mandate regulating the concentration of ethanol in our gas.

Paulson said you can always find experts to provide facts on both sides of an argument. He will support this resolution only if it says we oppose the mandate.

Stamsta asked if there would be more pollution if we had to follow this mandate? Is there more pollution in communities that use ethanol? Singert said the DNR states that ethanol in gas is more volatile and produces more emissions in July than in December. The auto industry, through the economy and age of the fleet, has done more to increase economy of gas. They have summer and winter blends but he's not willing to explain the differences.

Mader said the committee might be interested in an article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The article states that there are certain additives that lead to less air pollution. There are articles and facts to support this issue. Those additives are not required under this proposal.

Haukohl asked why does the farm community support this mandate if it drives down the cost of corn? Singert said farmers can't just go to their corncribs and sell the corn for ethanol. Ethanol producers will reject it. It takes top quality corn to make ethanol. Farmers believe selling more corn to ethanol plants will drive the prices up.

Krahn said we would be the only local unit of government getting involved in this discussion. We are always concerned about mandates imposed on county government without state aide. This doesn't fit into the discussion of county mandates. This mandate is on the citizens of Wisconsin. Waukesha County will be the only county entering into this and we will need lines 10 through 14 to explain why we are against it. There are counties around the state that will be affected and they aren't coming forward.

Manke called for the question.

Motion carried: 6-1 (Paulson voted no).

Correspondence

Chairman Dwyer reviewed and distributed the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should request copies of the listed items from Jicha.

Legislative Update

Krahn distributed a handout titled "2005 State Legislation" dated February 28, 2005. Krahn discussed the following bills as outlined in the handout: AJR 3, AB 35, AB 79, AB 82, AB 129, SB 4 (AB 60) and AB 130. Next Krahn distributed and reviewed a handout titled "State Budget Initiatives" dated February 15, 2005.

Dwyer distributed a handout titled "2005-2007 State Biennial Budget." The handout, produced by WCA, provides a brief summary of the major items introduced by Governor Doyle's state biennial budget that affect counties.

Krahn said the 7 County meeting scheduled for March 28th at Zoofari may be rescheduled for April 11th at the same location due to the Easter holiday.

Approve Minutes of 2/14/05

MOTION: Paulson moved, Mitchell second, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2005 as amended.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Mitchell second, to approve attendance of the Executive Committee at the League of Women Voters and Wisconsin Council on Children and Families Brown Bag Luncheon, March 8th at the Goodwill Center. Motion carried: 7-0.

Future Agenda Items

- State Campaign Finance Law
- Review Capital Projects

Wisconsin Counties Association Report of 2/25/05

Dwyer attended the WCA Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, February 24 and the WCA Board of Directors meeting on Friday, February 25. The Executive Committee discussed appointing the WCA Executive Committee to be the 2005 Conference Rules Committee. They also discussed the 2005 WCA annual conference theme and program ideas.

At the Board of Directors meeting, they had presentations and discussions on the 2005 – 2007 State Biennial Budget and issue papers on "Hay as a Program Crop in the Next Farm Bill" and "Flashing "Hazard" Lights on Motor Vehicles." Lastly the Board discussed TABOR.

Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:

February 24, 2005 Health and Human Service – Stamsta said the committee heard an update on pertussis.

February 25, 2005 Judiciary and Law Enforcement - Mitchell said the committee members heard a report on the use of interpreters in the court system. They had an overview of the DA's strategic plan and discussed the Courthouse Security Manual.

February 24, 2005 Public Works – Manke said this meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

February 15, 2005 Land Use – Kolb said the committee approved two Shoreland and Floodland protection ordinances for the Towns of Summit and Vernon.

February 16, 2005 Finance – Haukohl said the committee members heard reports on claims and worker's compensation, investments and capital projects cost performance.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Mitchell moved, Haukohl second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Motion carried: 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Kolb
Secretary